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SUBJECT: MODIFICATION OF WORKING HOURS OF METEOROLOGICAL STATION
AT TEGEL AIRPORT

1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY IS ASKED TO CONSULT WITH ALLIES
AND INTERVENE WITH FRG TO MAINTAIN CURRENT WORKING
HOURS OF TEGEL STATION. END SUMMARY:

2. FRENCH HERE HAVE BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION
INSTRUCTIONS FROM FEDERAL METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE IN
OFFENBACH ORDERING THE METEOROLOGICAL STATION AT
TEGEL TO REDUCE ITS PRESENT 21-HOURS-A-DAY OPERATION
TO 0600-1800 DAILY. INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN
LETTER FROM TEMPELHOF METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, WHICH
OVERSEES TEGEL STATION. IN VIEW OF THEIR HEAVY
TRAFFIC SCHEDULED FROM 1800-2200, ALLIED AIRLINES
HAVE OBJECTED TO THIS CHANGE AND REQUESTED INTERCESSION
OF THE ALLIED AUTHORITIES. CONSEQUENTLY, CHIEF OF
BERLIN AIR COORDINATING COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP
WROTE TO HEAD OF METEOROLOGICAL STATION AT
TEMPELHOF INSTRUCTING HIM THAT FEDERAL ORDINANCES
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CANNOT BE DIRECTLY APPLICABLE TO AIR SPACE UNDER

ALLIED CONTROL. THIS LETTER ACHIEVED EXTENSION OF CURRENT WORKING HOURS THROUGH JAN 31. HOWEVER, TEMPELHOF METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE IS RELUCTANT TO GO AGAINST INSTRUCTIONS FROM OFFENBACH HEADQUARTERS ON BASIS OF ALLIED COMMUNICATION. CONSEQUENTLY, THEY HAVE FORWARDED BACC WORKING GROUP LETTER TO FEDERAL OFFICE IN OFFENBACH FOR DECISION. COPIES OF THIS CORRESPONDENCE HAVE BEEN SENT TO FRENCH EMBASSY BONN.

3. FRENCH HAVE ASKED THEIR EMBASSY IN BONN TO ASSIST IN CONVINCING OFFENBACH METEOROLOGICAL HEADQUARTERS THAT REDUCTION IN WORKING HOURS OF TEGEL STATION NOT BE ENFORCED. WE AGREE WITH FRENCH POSITION. THERE IS PRACTICAL AVIATION PROBLEM INVOLVED HERE AS WELL AS A POINT OF PRINCIPLE CONCERNING RIGHT OF CONTROL OVER FEDERAL AGENCIES IN BERLIN. IF MATTER IS NOT QUICKLY RESOLVED WE WOULD BE INCLINED TO ORDER LOCAL OFFICE JAN 31 TO CONTINUE REGULAR HOURS OF SERVICE, CITING AS BASIS ALLIED RESPONSIBILITIES FOR AVIATION AND BK/O (51)63 PURSUANT TO WHICH ALL FEDERAL OFFICIALS IN BERLIN ARE SUBJECT TO ORDERS OF ALLIED KOMMANDATURA. LOCAL METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE WOULD NO DOUBT THEN CONSIDER ITSELF CAUGHT BETWEEN ROCK AND HARD PLACE AND MIGHT WELL FEEL BUREAUCRATIC NEED TO BE MORE RESPONSIVE TO PARENT OFFICE IN FRG REGARDLESS OF NICETIES OF OCCUPATION LAW. IT WOULD CLEARLY BE PREFERABLE TO REACH AN AGREE SOLUTION OR OBTAIN INDEFINITE FURTHER EXTENSION OF DEADLINE WITHOUT CONFRONTATION, BUT TO DO SO INTERVENTION IN BONN WILL PROBABLY BE REQUIRED. EMBASSY MAY ACCORDINGLY WISH TO CONSULT WITH FRENCH AND BRITISH EMBASSIES WITH VIEW TO COORDINATING APPROACH TO FRG PRIOR TO JAN 31.
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